

Results of CAA Election

Charles Waite, chairman of the nominating committee, certified the following election results:

- President: Francis Boucher, reelected
- Vice President: Edwin Goldfield, reelected
- New Directors: Shirley Jones, Louis Kincannon, Sherman Landau, and Bob White

Thanks to the 175 members who voted.

A Visit to the Far East

Ezilda Gorman (CAA treasurer) and her sister Bernie took a wonderful trip in October to China, Korea, and Japan. Here is their report.

After a huge breakfast, we started our tour of Beijing. The Summer Palace is the largest and best preserved of all Imperial Palace Gardens. One of its major attractions is a large lake on which resides "The Marble Boat," a beautiful work of art that has never floated because it is too heavy. Other attractions include the Eastern Palace Gate, a very ornate entrance, and the Benevolence and Longevity Palace of Virtue and Harmony.

Next we visited Tiananmen Square, which commands the entrance to the Imperial Palace and houses important monuments such as the Great Hall of the People, the Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of the Revolution. From Tiananmen Square we went to the Forbidden City, a maze of palaces built between 1417 and 1420 to serve as the residence of the emperor. Next we went to the Beijing Zoo, where we were only able to see 5 of the 19 Pandas housed there, and all were asleep. (They are lazy animals.)

The next morning we rode to The Great Wall. The wall goes along the tops of mountains and is one of the most astonishing feats of human endeavor; it is said that more than 300,000 men worked for 10 years to build it. We walked a portion of it along with crowds of school children and other tourists. On the way back we visited the impressive Ming Tomb, which is guarded by about 20 stone animals

and a number of stone warriors.

The next morning we boarded the Norwegian Wind in the port city of Xingang, and spent days 5 and 6 cruising the Yellow Sea and the East China Sea.

Our next stop was at Pusan, Korea's busiest port. There we visited a bustling fish market, the United Nations Cemetery, and the International Market with its many alleyways of shops. Here Bernie and I each had to buy another suitcase to hold all the goodies we were buying along the way.

Day 8 we were at Nagasaki, Japan. I had expected to see devastation, but the city has rebuilt the area where the bomb fell and established the Peace Park, with a huge statue erected in 1995 to express prayers for the repose of the victims' souls and for everlasting peace. We also visited the Atomic Bomb Museum, and our last stop was at Glover Garden for a panoramic view of the harbor. (The garden is rumored to be the setting of Puccini's opera Madam Butterfly.)

Following another day at sea, we arrived at Shanghai. While Beijing reminded me of Washington, D.C., Shanghai was like New York City with its large skyscrapers and huge crowds. Here we visited the Yu Garden with its tea houses, pavilions, and a small lake, the Jade Buddha Temple, and shopping in the Nanjing area. That night we attended a very impressive acrobat show, after which we had a tour of the city lights. After two more days of cruising the East China Sea and the Formosa Strait, we arrived at Hong Kong and transferred to the airport for our flight home.

The people in China were very gracious, the cities were clean, and everyone was looking forward to the 2008 Olympics in their country. The one negative was that the Chinese food there is not like what we eat here, and we did not care for the spices used. We had a wonderful time and were impressed by the places we visited.

A Few Things to Think About

- Is it okay to use the AM radio after noon?
- What do people in China call their good dishes?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- What do you call a male ladybug?